

I could not believe it when I read that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. When just a few media companies control information, the public does not get a balanced view. Media corporations should be giving the public information, not just what the companies' leaders want the public to hear.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They failed to do that by ordering their stations to carry a negative commercial on one political candidate, but not the other. When large companies control the airwaves, we are getting less of what we need for our democracy and more of the spin of what the corporation wants us to hear or what they think we want to hear.

Sinclair Broadcasting should not be ordering their stations to be carrying anti - Kerry ad. For that matter, they should not order their stations to carry a smear ad on any single political contender. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Media corporations actions need to be checked to see if they are serving the public good before their license can be renewed . And why there should not be just a few media companies controlling the airwaves, tv channels, and newspapers. Thank you.

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